## CONVENTION OF THE MUTES.

An Interesting Session in the House of

### A POEM IN THE SIGN LANGUAGE.

The Address of Welcome by Mayor Ellyson. Nearly a Hundred in the Assembly. A Petition-The Banquet.

Perhaps no stranger assembly ever met in Richmond than that of the deaf mutes which gathered yesterday in the hall of the House of Delegates. All of the proceedings were conducted in the sign language, and a queer silence pervaded the hall. When the address was made by the Mayor, or when any one spoke at all the words had to be spelled out on the hands of an interpreter or signed. The following report was written entirely by a deaf mute who is directly connected with THE TIMES, and will serve somewhat as an insight into the mysteries by their wonderful sign language, with which they converse almost as fluently as do those more abundantly blessed.

THE REPORT.

There was nearly a hundred deaf mutes at the meeting in the hall of the House of Delegates yesterday. They had come from all portions of the State to have a reunion and form a State association, and while some were old men with gray hair a large portion of the entire number were young, and many were ladies. Everything passed of happily, and altogether it was a very pretty affair and most promising to the aid and general welface of the deaf of Virginia.

At the opening time the galleries were well filled with spectators, and throughout its sessions some occupied them. There were very few on the floor who were not deaf mutes, and the most honored was Mayor J. Taylor Ellyson, who had come to walcome them, and for son, who had come to welcome them, and for whom every deaf mute now as a warm place

in his heart.

Mr. John W. Michaels called the meeting to order and was made temporary chairman. Rev. Job Turner, missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church to the deaf in the Southern States, was then called on to lead in Professor Guilford D. Enritt, a teacher of the State school. Mr. W. C. Ritter was chosen temporary secretary and Joseph Laube, of this city, sergeant at arms.

THE OBJECTS. Mr. Michaels then explained the object of the meeting which has for its main points liberal education and their general advance-ment, and then introduced Mr. Ellyson, who ment, and then introduced Mr. Falyson, who made a most pleasaut speech of a half hour, telling the mutes they were welcome in Rich-mond, and had her people's best wishes. He himself was often called upon to say something concerning those generally called unfortunate and he gave them plain words of advice, an and he gave them plain words of advice, and expressed much hope for their betterment, and encouraged them greatly. He congratulated them on their great progress and prosperity during the past half century, and wished them God.speed. The Mayor was interpreted by Professor Euritt, and at the close of his speech was heartly applauded.

THE RESPONSE.

Mr. William C. Ritter, of Louisa, responded in behalf of the deaf, thanking the Mayor for his kind words and assurances and the good

people of the city.

Regret was expressed at the absence of Captain Thomas S. Doyle, principal of the State school, now quite sick at Virginia Beach.

Professor Thomas F. Fox, of the New York Institution, being present was called on for a speech. He spoke of conventions of the deaf in the North, which he had been connected with, and many important ideas were suggested.

After matters pertaining to membership and the membership fee, which was fixed at \$1, honorary membership was taken up and the names of Mr. Edwin Allen Hodgson, editor of the Deaf Mute Journal, New York City: Pro-

the Deaf Mute Journal, New York City: Professor Thomas Francis Fox, of New York:
Mr. Alexander L. Pach, of Pennsylvania;
Mr. George E. Porter, of Arkanas: Captain
Thomas Doyle, of Staunton, and Mr. McCreery, of West Virginia, were enrolled in consideration of their deep interest so kindly
aid given towards the meeting.

Next followed a feature of the morning's
proceedings. A pretty girl of about eighteen
recited in signs the following, lending to the
words a beauty and impressiveness that spoken
language will not convey. The young lady
was Miss Sarah Allen, one of the recent graduates of the State school, Professor Luritt
read the words for the benefit of those who
could hear:

Daylight is dying.
Homeward are flying
Birds to the soft, dewy nest.
The sun hides his head
In the dark ocean's bed. And thou on heart that loves best

Sweet flowers are sleeping, Pale mists are creeping Over the mead up the bills, In the shadowing nooks By the rippling brooks Whose water are quite and still.

Through the cloud's silvery lace
The moon's gentle face
Bends with a tender good-night.
Then whisper thy prayer
On the calm, solemn air
And slumber till morning is bright.

May the stars, as they shine On the jewel of mine. Not find thee, my darling, awake; But smile o'er thy sleeping. Watch for the Holy One's sake.

THE OFFICERS.

The various committees were then formed, and the convention, just before noon, took a recess until S P. M.

At 3 10 the afternoon session began. Mr. William Christian, of Lautzville, made the

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Officers were then chosen. The following is the list: President, John W. Michaels, of Rockbridge; Vice-President, Arthur Tucker, of Petersburg; Secretary, William C. Ritter, of Louisa; Treasurer, Stephen C. Jones, of Roanoke. They all made speeches of thanks for the honor conferred.

The matter of adopting the constitution and by-laws occasioned some debate, and the name finally voted was "The Virginia Association of the Deaf," These matters consumed several hours, and a short recess was in order, during which time the mutes gathered on the eastern staircase of the building to be photographed by Mr. Pach, who came to this city for that purpose.

On returning to the hall Mr. George L. Dennis, of Rocky Mount, a member of the Board of the State School, made a happy address, telling his experience with the deaf and what he would do if he were a young man and knew the deaf mute young ladies as well as he did now, and what he will ever endeavor to do for the deaf. His speech was roundly applauded.

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LEGISLATION

The following committee on legislation for the purpose of presenting the resolution to the next Legislature were appointed: Colonel George F. Dennis, of the board of visit. ors: Captain Thomas S. Doyle, superintendent of the school of the deaf. Professor G. D. Euritt, teacher of the deaf; Professor Isaac Humbert, teacher of the blind, and Mr. J. W. Michaels, president of the Virginia Association of the Deaf.

The resolutions were as follows:

tors, one member of the Virginia Association of the Deaf, one teacher of the blind department and one of the deaf-mute department, whose duty it shall be to prepare and present said memorial to the Legislature of Virginia at its next session, explain the reasons and objects of this action, and to endeavor to secure the enactment of such laws as may be necessary and proper to carry it into effect. necessary and proper to carry it into effect.

Resolved. That the co-operation of the blind and those concerned in their education is earnestly requested in the furtherance of this measure.

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The committees finally chosen to present this is made up of the elder and most experienced men of the class.

VOTE OF THANKS. Miss Allen again treated the convention to a very pretty recitation. This was entitled "The Mutes' Sister's Lament."

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The convention passed several votes of thanks for services and courtesies rendered those coming to attend it. To Mayor Ellyson the first was tendered, the next was to Major Gaines for consenting to the use of the hall, and then to its faithful and whole-souled old thanks. Without the property who had sent by anitor. Walker Howard, who had spent his Fourth on duty that it might add to the pleasure and profit of an unfortunate class: to Mr. A. J. Ford for reduced rates of board and to his clerks for their kind attention and courtesy, to the railroad companies granting the 4c rate to deaf mujes; to Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Fox. Mr. Pach and Mr. Portey, who had done great service in the formation of the association. A vote of thanks was then tendered THE TIMES and other daily papers for kindly mention, and after announcing the church services for deaf mutes at St. John's at 11 A. M. and at St. James at 5 P. M. to-day, the convention adjourned to meet again within two years.

THE BANQUET. At 9 o'clock last night Ford's was without a deaf mute—they had all gone up to Pizzini's, where they were for a couple of hours the guests of Messrs. Tucker, Chiles, Laube, Heke, and Ball, of this city. The tables were prettily set off by cut flowers and potted plants, and covers were lain for seventy-five. A saistantial menu was served, and then came the toases and speech making, though all of

the toas and speech-making, though all of an impromptu nature. Mr. Michaels was "The Glorious Fourth" was responded to by Mr. T. F. Fox, of New York, who said much that was complimentary to Richmond, and the convention, like our glorious country,

born upon this day.

Mr. Ritter responded to "The Old Do-minion" and said her deaf citizens had now started right.
Mr. Michaels responded to "Our Alma

Mr. Michaels responded to Our Aima Mater," the old school at Staunton.
"Our Visiting Friends," Mr. George S. Porter spoke for, and said they had speut a glorious Fourth indeed.
"The Fress" came next, by Mr. E. A. Hodgson, and gave the city papers a good send off, and told his hearers that it was the newspaper men who peer denied a good time to any men who never denied a good time to any deaf mute whether he be after work or to be assisted by a kind word or an act of justice. "The Ladies." To this, jolly Alexander Pach, of Easton, responded. It was a happy offert

Then the party left the dining-room for the parlors, but this being rather too small for dancing they returned to Ford's, where until the clock struck 12 they tripped the light fan-

NOTES.

The convention was such as would be creditable to any State. Its value cannot be over-estimated. To every visitor whole-souled hospitality and heartiness, and that of the old Virginia sort was manifested wherever he or she went.

The debates in some instances were lively though nothing beyond organization was done. In one instance Rev. Mr. Turner pro-posed to add to an article of the constitution "and their spiritual welfare," whereupon sev-"and their spiritual welfare." whereupon several jumped to their feet and said that this was business and wholly secular. Mr. Fox took up for the latter and this caused Mr. Turner to quote Scripture, and both being fine sign makers, there was something vigorous in the language they used pro and con on the resolution. It was appended.

Colonel Dennis, of Franklin, is greatly interested in the deaf, being also a member of the board. The Colonel has been with them ever since he reached the city, and, though he cannot use sizus, he sets along fairly well.

annot use signs, he gets along fairly well. Captain Meade F. White, of Staunton, came Captain Mende F. White, of Staunton, came down at night and attended the banquet. He held a long levee at the hotel after midnight, his words being interpreted. He is interested in these people from the sole of his summer shoe to the top of his helmet, and his words had that fine old Fauquier ring out and out. It is hard to say who is the more popular with the more to be a summer of the country of the country has returned to the city much invigorated in health. Miss Wade Horne, of Hanover country, is will spend some time in Washington city next week before visiting other points of interest. the mutes, Captain White or Colonel Dennis. Mr. Ford would have come into this trinity

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One a familiar figure in mutedom, having a peegenic disposition, was greatly missed at this affair until last night when the banquet was nearly over. Then he put in an appearance rigged out in a strange old-fashioned garb, stove pipe hat and beard. He had walked from Gordonsville, he said, and came near missing the reunion.

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atr. W. M. Capers, one of the gray-nated mute residents of this city, wears a Confederate veteran's uniform, he having served three years with General Joe Johnston, enlisting in Corinth, Miss. He was in the siege of Vicksburg, and his stories of that doleful time pictured by signs much more vividly than an extension of the country of spoken words could picture them. He was born a mute.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

The Guests Who Were Registered in Rich-

Davis House,-D. Rosenaur, J. H. Rose, William B. Taylor, New York: George R. Jones, Ohio: E. R. Hulter, Lynchburg, Va.; S. Russell, Georgia; W. D. Obendorf, New York; John B. Gaines, M. M. Hawkins, Louisville, Ky.; A. H. Kahn, Baltimore, Md.; R. E. Thalheimer, New Orleans, La.; W. L. Edwards, I. L. Hodges, Portsmouth, Va.; L. R. Weil, New York; J. J. Leterman, Char-lottesville, Va.; Edward Ritter, Philadelphia, Pa., C. W. Boyer, R. C. Vandegrift, Sr., Char-lottesville, Va. lottesville, Va.

Exchange Hotel.—R. Knippenberg, St. Louis, Mo.; R. M. Lauchheimer, Baltimore, Md.; J. Edmonds Mason, W. H. Taylor, Richmond and Danville road; George E. Fisher, New York; Miss A. B. Tilton, Miss Tilton, Madison, Ind.; W. Buckner, Virginia; R. E. Meehan, Chattanooga, Tonn.; Isidor Weil, New York; Miss Mable Monroe, Norfolk, Va.; F. P. Ingman, Baltimore, Md.; C. A. Loud, Staunton, Va.

Murphy's Hotel.—J. P. Williamson, Dan-ville, Va.; A. J. Umrich, New York; Owen Finckett and wife, New York; M. B. Worm-ley, King William, Va.; T. B. Jennings and wife, Brunswick, Mo.; G. B. Johnson, Atwife, Brunswick, Mo. G. B. Johnson, Atlanta, Ga.: Hugo Arnal and wife, Norfolk, Va.; L. O. Mayer, Cheinnati, O. M. O'Meara, Jr., Lynchburg, Va.: P. McGeebee, Lynchburg, Va.: J. A. Perry, New York; S. W. Hun, Baltimere, Md.: S. Axron, Georgia; W. B. Hays, Norfolk; Mark M. Pearson, Norfolk; M. J. Manning, Norfolk; Richard F. Marvin, Brooklyn, N. Y.; James T. Marvin, Philadelphia, Pa.; John M. Dunbar, Baltimore, Md. American Hotel,—W. E. Grigg, Boston, Mass.; J. H. Johnson, Mrs. W. A. Van, Keysville, Va.; J. S. Rose, William and Mary College; J. P. Clark, Orange Courthonse, Va.; T. H. Ben and wife, C. J. Carter, Miss R. L. Williams, James City county, Va.; Isaac B. Davenport, William E. F. Lintz and wife, West Point, Va.; M. A. Smith, High Point, N. C.; Henry Harris, W. J. Ray, R. B. Smith, Iron Gate, Va.

Hines Lodge.

On Friday night District-Deputy-Grand-Chancellor Richard W. Flournoy, assisted by Past-Chancellors J. H. Chapman, Jr., and R. E. Cox as grand prelate and grand master at arms, respectively, installed the following officers of Hines Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, for the ensuing term: R. J. Denny, past chancellor: Herbert F. Fox. chancellor commander: Edward Alvey, vice-chancellor: Stephen O. Ferkins, prelate; S. T. Beach, keeper of records and seal; T. L. Courtney, master of finance: Taylor H. Powell, master of exchequer; R. E. Cox. master at arms: J. J. Minse, inner guard; C. T. Blankenship, Jr., outer guard. Hines Lodge.

Michaels, president of the Virginia Association of the Deaf.

The resolutions were as follows:

Whereas it is the opinion of those who have had many years' experience in teaching the deaf and the dumb and the blind, that far better results can be obtained by having the two classes (the deaf and the blind) taught in separate institutions than by having the two classes (the deaf and the blind) taught in the same institution and

Whereas it is the feeling and desire of the deaf mutes of this State to put themselves on a plane with the deaf of other States, and to do this it is believed there is no better and shorter way than to have an institution separate and apart from the blind, and inamuch as the blind and their educators concur in this opinion; therefore, be it

Resolved. That the next Legislature be memorialized to make such provisions as will be necessary for the establishment of a separate institution to carry out the objects of these resolutions, and set apart the present institution to carry out the objects of these resolutions, and set apart the present institution to carry out the objects of these resolutions, and set apart the present institution to carry out the objects of these resolutions and set apart the present institution to carry out the objects of these resolutions and set apart the present institution to carry out the objects of these resolutions and set apart the present institution to carry out the objects of these resolutions and set apart the present institution to carry out the objects of these resolutions and set apart the present institution to carry out the objects of these resolutions and set apart the present institution to carry out the objects of these resolutions and set apart the present institution to carry out the objects of these resolutions of the deaf and dumb, as they may deem best.

Hesolved. That the chairman of this meeting do appoint a committee of five, to consist of two members of the board of directions are selected to the resolution of the deaf and dumb, as they h

A LIVE SNAKE STORY. Mr. Edwin C. Shelld Killed a Very Curious

Reptile Recently. A gentleman in this city is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Edwin C. Sheild, son of Mr. Alfred Shelld, who has been in lower Florida for some months at his father's orange grove. Point Pleasant. Mr. Sheild writes of having killed a few days since a very curious and unknown species of snake, the head of the snake resembling that of a small terrapin, while the body—a dark mahogany color—was covered with a hard suistance, resembling a shell or crust. One of the peculiar features of this creature was his ability at will to withdraw his head into the body-shell like the terrapin.

The snake was about four feet long and six and a half inches in circumference. The end of his tail was carried in the sir, which under excitement was lashed back and forth.

Mr. Shelld was in the act of putting up some oranges for his father in this city when he discovered the snake under a large pile of fruit. He had a narrow escape from being bitten. At first he supposed the snake to be dead, his head having been drawn back into the hell.

The oldest inhabitants of that part of Florida. De Soto county, were unacquainted with any such species. Mr. Shelld will have the reptile prepared by a taxidermiat to preserve it to posterity. Sheild, who has been in lower Florida for some

A Tug Party.

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The Folka-Dot Club, an organization of Richmond young men, are now off for Newport News en goute for Cobb's Island on a specially chartered tug.

This club is composed of the following named young men; H. E. Lipscomb, N. S. Morton, G. W. Taylor, Jr. John Reed, P. L. Reed, Charles Reed, George Reed, C. H. Crew, G. P. Paterson, F. W. Stiff, Emmet Shepherd, Julian Skeiton, L. W. McVeigh, Meredith Leach, Andrew Leach, Howard Gordon, Henry Weil, R. R. Harrison, J. Gordon Christian, Lee Grant, Gordon Fitzwilson, David Whitehead, Alvin Whitehead, Robert Whittel, Jr., Edward Skinner, George Warren, Claybrook James, Percy Glinn, J. N. Limeburner and E. T. Rhodes.

The party will return Monday morning, after touching at Cobb's Island, Old Point and other places.

Alarms Last Evening.

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The alarm of fire turned in from Box 127 at 11:23 last evening was caused by a trifling scare from exploding tireworks. The department answered the alarm, but returned without turning on the water, as no fire could be found.

A still slarm was given last night caused by some burning trash at the corner of Leigh and Tenth streets. The hose wagon from the Broad-street station answered the call.

Personal and General. Mr. Harry Gunst left the city yesterday for a short stay at the White.

Dr. B. L. Winston, of Hanover Courthouse, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. A. L. Straus and family are summering at the Lithia Springs, near Amelia Courthouse. Dr Jacob Michaux, after a severe indispo-

sition of several days, is again able to be Misses Maria Cowardin, Florence Meyer, and Rena Talley are visiting friends in New

Kent sounty. Mrs. P. C. Edwards has left for Winston, N. C., where she expects to spend the summer with her daughter, Mrs. L. G. Neale. Mr. Morris L. Myers and Mr. Ned Rosen-

stock, of Petersburg, are the guests of Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Guggenheimer, of Lynchburg, are in the city, the guests of Mrs.

Cadet Hunsdon Cary, son of Colonel W. Miles Cary, of the Governor's staff, left Friday for Old Point and other places on the

Hon, James T. Epes, the Democratic Congressman from the Fourth district, was in Richmond yesterday, and paid a brief visit to THE TIMES.

Mrs. Joseph L. Levy and family, accompanied by Mrs. Myra Rose Hutzler, left yesterday for the mountains of Virginia, where they will spend the summer. The Montefoire Literary Association will have their annual basket picnic at Blandon Park on Wednesday, July 8th, from 8 A. M. till 11 P. M.

Mr. Ike Rosenstock and wife, nee Miss Dora Rose, left Friday for their home in Dan-ville, after spending several days of their honeymoon in Richmond.

Mr. J. E. B. Smith, who has been spending his vacation with his uncle, Rev. G. E. Bocker, D. D., of Sussex county, has returned

Miss Wade Horne, of Hanover county, is visiting her cousin, Miss Lula Williams. They will spend some time in Washington city next The Richmond Light Infantry Blues will have an excursion to Dutch Gap on board of the steamer Ariel on Thursday, July 9th. The Blues' band will entertain the excursionists with some select music, and a delightful time is expected by all.

FATAL BALLOON ASCENSION.

BARGAINS, A Lady and a Man Killed by Falling to the Ground in Ohio.

ARRON, O., July 4 .- Fully 8,000 people assembled here to-day to see Professor Brady, of Cleveland, make a bulloon ascension and parachute leap. When the word was given and the balloon shot upward the multitude was horrified to see a man hanging head downwards immediately below the mouth of the balloon. The man, whose leg was entangled in a rope, disentangled himself and dropped to the parachute, striking it in such a way that the knife cut the rope attached to the parachute from the balloon and he and the aronaut from the balloon and he and the aromant fell to the ground with great force. The upper man fell about two hundred feet, and was instantly killed. The parachute broke Brady's fall, but he was seriously, though not fatally, hurt. The name of the man killed was William Hennessy, a resident of this place, who was helping to inflate the balloon. He was fifty years old, and leaves a widow and four children.

CLEVELAND, O., July 4.—As Mme. Zoetta Bently was making a balloon ascension at Elyra, O., to-day a strong gust of wind caught the air-ship and dragged the ropes on which she was sitting through the trees. She was not able to retain her hold and fell to the ground, a distance of sixty feet. She was in-

ground, a distance of sixty feet. She was instantly killed. Every rib in her body was

MISSOURI FOR CLEVELAND.

An Overwheiming Majority of the Demo cratic Editors Favor the Great Leader.

Sr. Louis, Mo., July 4 .- An afternoon paper in a canvass of the national political situation in the State of Missouri through the editors of 100 newspapers give their preferences as follows: Cleveland, 43; scattering, 4; Blaine, 26; Harrison, 15; McKinley, 10; scatter-

ing, 3.
Grover Cleveland is the strongest Democratic candidate at the present time, but his views on the silver question have antagonized quite a number who otherwise favor his nomination. The Republican editors largely favor the nomination of Blaine. Harrison is second choice. Harrison's patronage disbursement has made him not a few enemies. McKinley will be a strong favorite, provided he carries the State of Ohio. If the delegates were to be chosen this summer in Missouri, the resume tends to show that solid votes would be cast for Cleveland and Blaine.

Not Exactly a Sham Battle.

Youngsrown, O., July 4.—Fifty thousand people witnessed the sham battle at their fair grounds, conducted by Todd Post, of Youngstown, assisted by Buckley and the other posts of Akron, presenting Pickett's charge at Gettysburg. A signal rocket struck Bessie Cronin, aged seven, the daughter of Mrs. Depreis Cronin. Cronin, aged seven, the daughter of Mrs. Dennis Cronin, a widow, on the forehead, killing her almost instantly. Her sister, standing by her, was terribly burned, and Katie Fleming, aged fourteen, had her left eye blown out. Mrs. Eliza Bosell, of Coalbury, was badly injured by a rocket, and Dr. Jones, a veterinary surgeon was accidentally shot in the side by geon, was accidentally shot in the side by a "rebel" veteran. He will recover. John Reed received a bad cut from a rocket stick.

Another Death in Lynchburg.

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Lynchburg, Va., July 4.—[Special.]—Another death of a well-known citizen occurred to-day at his residence on Taylor street. Mr. Milton Holmes, a young man formerly of Baltimore, but for several years a business man of this city as agent of Reynolds Tobacco Company, died to-day of typhold fever. He had many friends.

Professor Wyatt was buried to-day from the First Presbyterian church, attended by a host of friends.

A large number of the gun club of this city.

A large number of the gun club of this city, headed by Captain A. Stockton Terry, went

to Richmond to contest the prizes with the Richmond club to-day. Some of them are crack marksmen, and will be surprised if they do not come away with some of the laurels. man died, however, the happy possessors of this fortune went to the altar and were married. The couple then took up their residence in Hamburg, where they have resided for the last six years. Recently there arrived from Copenhagen a relative of Herr Nielsen, who by their marriage considered the spirit of his relative's last will and testament had been departed from, and demanded the restitution of the 40,000 crowns. The matter is now before a court of law.—London News.

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Nine Rules for Bathers. .

Avoid bathing within two hours after a

Avoid bathing when exhausted by fatigue

or from any other cause.

Avoid bathing when the body is cooling

ing undressed on the lanks or in boats after

aving been in the water.

Don't remain too long in the water: leave he water immediately if there is the slightest

feeling of chilliness.

The vigorous and strong may bathe early in

the morning on an empty stomach. The young and those who are weak would better bathe two or three hours after a meal—the

best time for such is from two to three hours

Those who are subject to attacks of giddi-

ness or faintness, and those who suffer from palpitation and other sense of discomfort at the heart should not bathe.

A Real Summer Danger.

seems absurd, and yet it is as necessary as in winter. Where the climate is changeable a hot day is often followed by a cool evening, or a sudden rain-storm chills the air or a cold

wind springs up gratefully after the heat, but dangerous to those who are thinly clad

but dangerous to those who are thinly clad unless they are protected from it by proper covering. Cotton is a good conductor of heat and allows it to escape rapidly from the sur-face of the body. As soon as the surround-ing air becomes cooler than the skin it steals the heat which the body requires for its own needs. A fresh supply of heat must be pro-duced, and thus the system is overtaxed to supply the demands of the robber. Flannel is a bad conductor, and guards the tender body more faithfully, retaining the heat,

Charity Begins at Bome.

The food a farmer provides has a great deal to do with his intellect and that of his family. We make a mistake when we provide our tables with the coarsest foods. Do not sell

the best products of the farm and keep the poorest for your own consumption,-F. D. Curtis.

REMARKABLE SUCCESS.

Subscriptions to the Stock of the Georgia

and Alabama Investment Company,

Boston, Mass., July 4.—The most remark-

able financial success of the year, considering

the condition in which the money market has

been, is the subscription to the stock of the Georgia and Alabama Investment and Devel-opment Company, of which General Benja-min F. Butler is president.

Over \$150,000 was received the last three days before the books closed Wednesday.

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The company announces that the stock will be further advanced August 1st, probably twenty-five per cent, and withdraw from the sale after that date, as the company have abundance of funds to carry forward at Tallapoosa, Ga., the extensive developments in-

Painting the town red means headache in

the morning. Simmons Liver Regulator prevents it.

F. SITTERDING,

LUMBER DEALER,

FACTORY AND MAIN YARD, LEIGH AND ST. JAMES STREET.

BRANCH YARD, FREDERICKSBURG DEPOT.

To talk of guarding against cold in summer

after breakfast.

Colored Fires. It may be taken for granted that many readers will be interested to learn how the colored fires with which the "birthday of our country" is popularly celebrated are prepared. The process of combining the materials is simple. Striking differences in color are produced by slight changes in composition. The Western Druggist gives some formula which clear up the mystery of these mula which clear up the mystery of these

For the production of red, green, yellow, and blue fires one-fifth part of the composition is shellac. As this is a constant quantity it is apparent at once that the shellac has nothing to do with determining the color. It serves the purpose that charcoal does in the manufacture of gunpowder. It holds the other elements in desired form and regulates the rate of sombustion. strange effects, the rate of combustion.

Another fifth part of the several compounds

Avoid bathing when the body is cooling after perspiration.

Avoid bathing altogether in the open air if after having been a short time in the water it causes a sense of chilliness and numbness of the hands and feet.

Bathe when the body is warm, provided no time is lost setting into the water.

Avoid chilling the body by sitting or standing undressed on the banks or in poats after Another fifth part of the several compounds is the chlorate of potassium. This is used for the detonating effect; to startle the beholder with the crackling sound and with the scattering of the fire. Of itself it would give a white light, and would burn with intense energy. It imparts "go" to the rocket.

The remaining three-fifths are what give color to the flame. They differ, of course, in the four compounds. For producing red fire vitrate of strontium is used for green,

nitrate of strontium is used; for green, nitrate of barium; for yellow, nitrate of sodium, and for blue, ammonia sulphate of copper. As we find nitrates used for the first copper. As we find nitrates used for the first three colors named, it is plain that the effect is determined wholly by the use respectively of strontium, barium and sodium. It is equally true that the blue is the result of the

violet and purple flames are composite.

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To produce the violet lime and copper and sulphur are burned together. For purple, strontium and calomel are burned with just a little copper. The fumes of calomel are particularly harmful, and all these substances yield gases that ought not to be freely breathed. Very striking effects could be obtained by using nickel, arsenic and other obtained by using nickel, arsenic and other similar elements, but their use would be dangerous to health.—Washington Post.

For a Summer-Girl's Trank.

If you wear a fluffy bang, you want your

If you wear a miny bang, you want a dozen pairs of shoe-strings.

If you wantish of polish your shoes, you want a bottle of new blacking.

If you are inclined to sunburn, you want a pot of strawberry cream or some cold cream.

If you are fond of reading, you want your favorite books. favorite books.

favorite books.

If you ever use pins, you want a block of black ones and a paper of white ones.

If you are a good girl and mend your clothes, you want some spools of thread, your needles, your thimble and some buttons.

If you make yourself sweet with infant-powder and a puff, you want a sealed package of

powder.

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